

# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH

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## TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 3: 1-9 | Responsorial Psalm 116: 5-6, 10-11, 15-16

Revelation 21: 1-7 | Luke 7: 11-17

Today is the **Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**. The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which re-presents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ. —*Daily Roman Missal*

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

"The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" ([CCC 1030-1031](#)).

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that from the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

On this day, any Priest may celebrate three Masses, observing, nevertheless, what was established by Benedict XV in the Apostolic Constitution, *Incruentum altaris sacrificium*, 10 August 1915: *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 7 (1915) pp. 401-404. —*Third Edition of the Roman Missal*

Excerpt from: [The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed \(All Souls' Day\) - November 02, 2025 - Liturgical Calendar | Catholic Culture](#)



St. Albert the Great  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

## ALL SOULS DAY Nov 2, 2025

### Mass Schedule

Monday:	No Mass
Tuesday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Wednesday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Thursday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Friday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Saturday:	9:00 AM 5:00 PM (Anticipatory)
Sunday:	9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM

### Adoration

Friday:	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
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### Confession

Tuesday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Friday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Saturday:	3:30 PM

### Office Hours

Mon to Fri: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM\*

\*Closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 PM

**Closed Weekends & all Statutory Holidays**

# UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

*“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” – Luke 18:1*

Tues,	Nov	4	at	9:00 AM	Isobel Millar (INT)
Tues,	Nov	4	at	10:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Timario & Family (INT)
Tues,	Nov	4	at	6:30 PM	Frank Valenzuela (RIP)
Wed,	Nov	5	at	9:00 AM	The souls of the Alegrado family (RIP)
Wed,	Nov	5	at	10:30 AM	Yvon Trahan (RIP)
Wed,	Nov	5	at	6:30 PM	Frank Valenzuela (RIP)
Thur,	Nov	6	at	9:00 AM	Sharon van der Sloot (INT)
Thur,	Nov	6	at	1:30 PM	Felicia Nduaguba (INT)
Thur,	Nov	6	at	6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
Fri,	Nov	7	at	9:00 AM	Ann McAuley Rowan (RIP)
Fri,	Nov	7	at	6:30 PM	Bessie Cabrera (RIP)
Sat,	Nov	8	at	9:00 AM	Ken & Anne Marie Dick (INT)
Sat,	Nov	8	at	5:00 PM	Joanne & Kevin MacAulay (INT)
Sun,	Nov	9	at	9:00 AM	Adolf Zurowski (RIP)
Sun,	Nov	9	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Nov	9	at	5:00 PM	Salvatore Sandonato (RIP)

## MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

**The first three weeks of January are open for booking. Please note October & November & December are full.**

To request a Mass intention please visit the parish office downstairs during office hours, call [403.257.6054](tel:403.257.6054) or email [secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca)

**Our parish serves over 9000 families; intentions are limited to two per family within the three-month period.**

**Thank you for honoring this system. Please contact the office with questions.**

## ALLHALLOWTIDE

**Is Allhallowtide the Same as Halloween?** During the fall season, the topic that typically makes the rounds on social media and in conversation is Halloween, often followed by the question in Christian circles, “Should Christians celebrate Halloween?”

**You may be asking what is Allhallowtide?** Allhallowtide occurs once a year from October 31st to November 2nd. October 31st is All Hallows’ Eve, November 1st is All Saints’ Day, and November 2nd is All Souls’ Day. The word “Allhallowtide” is a combination of three words. The word “Allhallowtide” combines “all,” “hallow” (meaning holy or saint), and “tide” (an old word for time or season), referring to the three-day period honoring the dead in Christ.

While Halloween has become widely secularized, its origins are deeply rooted in Catholic tradition, and these three holy days were originally designed to honor the Christian beliefs about life, death, and the afterlife. Collectively, these days emphasize the *Communion of Saints*, a tenet that unites the faithful on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls in purgatory, binding them in prayer, reflection, and remembrance.

There is some debate about the origins of Halloween though most note that Halloween comes from the first day of Allhallowtide, known as All Hallows’ Eve. For early Christians the Vigil of All Saints day (All Hallows’ Eve) was a time of great fasting, penance and prayer. In the medieval Church, people in parts of Europe went “souling,” offering prayers in return for food, a precursor to modern-day trick-or-treating. They would ask for “soul cakes” from neighbors in exchange for prayers for the deceased, illustrating the emphasis on prayers for souls in purgatory.

In the mid-15th century, Pope Sixtus IV expanded Allhallowtide from a triduum to a full octave—an eight-day observance. This extended period of reflection, from October 31 through November 8, emphasized the importance of remembering the dead and venerating the saints. The octave allowed for prolonged periods of prayer, Masses, and acts of penance, uniting the community in their journey toward eternal life and spiritual purification. However, Pope Pius XII eliminated the octave in 1955 during a period of liturgical reform. Since the 1962 Missal, Allhallowtide is not widely celebrated as an octave, even in the traditional liturgies. However, traditionalist Catholics and some liturgical enthusiasts still observe these three days as a special time of prayer, reflection, and remembrance. For many, All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day are spent in prayer, lighting candles, and visiting cemeteries to honor and pray for loved ones who have passed on.

# PRAYER BOARD

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” – Hebrews 4:16*

Agnelo Dias	Divy Dormendo	Kellyanne Banks	Peter Hammel
Al Eberle	Don Gelfund	Kristin Bell	Rachel Torbella
Al Johnson	Edith Tyndall	Landon Miller	Restituto Jacobe
Alfred Cust	Elaine Hopfner	Lawernce McNally	Richard Roldan
Amelia Aureo	Eleanor Cutshaw	Len Grose	Rob M.
Anna Langley-Butt	Elizabeth Emefiene	Lena Reichert	Robert Schimpf
Anna Marie Kolesar	Frank Parto	Lennon Casebeer	Robert Visockas
Anne Zabala	Gertrude Hosemann	Leo Elder	Rod P
Anthonia Ifeora	Gin Udtohan	Linda Foo	Roque Jacobe
Arton Rizah Berisha	Graeme McLean	Linda Shaw	Rosanne Pinchin
Bert Dormendo	Gustavo Gil	Lori Cadrin	Rose Panglinan
Bill Yont	Harold Freeman	Luz Estela Gallego	Ryan Alexander
Bob Tetriak	Henry Retzlaff	Marc Maceren	Ryan Riddell
Burke Masse & Surgery Team	Ifeoma Sogwu	Margaret Diaze	Sam Secreti
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Isabel Maclean	Maria Elder	Sandra Rorbak
Carnduff Family	Isnardo Forero	Maria Luis	Saturnino Jacobe
Carol Cockerill	Ivan D'Souza	Marta Marengo	Sharon Berisha Wong
Carol Meredith	Janyce Anderson	Michael Dudey	Shawn Freeman
Charlotte Stapleton	Jared Heath Roldan	Michelle Fiorillo	Shawn McCormick
Cheryl Mioamico	Jessica Gibson	Mike Watson	Sogwu family
Chris G	John Millar	Myrna Rolfes	Susanne Smith
Chris Lloyd	John Posluszny	Neil Atwater	Taylor Rohrer
Christine Roldan	Judy Look	Norman Bieker	Tiara Ricci Roldan
Clara Kosariyeganeh	Kamran P. Mosavari	Obroh Family	Ulrich Hart
Claude Durocher	Karen Wong	Owen Dorfman	Victoria McEachern
Clay Cutshaw	Kathryn Boyer	Patricia Atkinson	
Dcn. Tony Klein	Katrina G. Hamedani	Paul Schneider	

**PRAYER BOARD:** The Prayer Board is intended for any living person requiring prayers. Due to the size of the Parish and our prayer board requests, we now require follow-ups within three months of a request. Please contact the office to have someone added or removed from the board at [secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca)

## Prayer For Strength And Courage

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering, you hallowed earthly pain  
and gave us the example of obedience to your Father’s will.

Be near me in my time of weakness and pain;  
sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail;  
heal me according to your will;  
and help me always to believe that  
what happens to me here is of little account  
if you hold me in eternal life,  
my Lord, and my God.  
Amen.

# PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass Sign Up** will be in the Narthex after all Sunday Masses this weekend **Nov 1 & 2**. Be sure to visit their table if you didn't get a chance to participate last year.

**CWL** is requesting your **UREGNT help** in providing donations for [IWIN \(I'm worth it now\) Backpacks](#). IWIN provides backpacks to survivors of human trafficking who are entering a wrap-around program to support them emotionally, physically and spiritually. The backpacks, containing all brand-new items, include a change of clothes, toiletry items, a journal, a handwritten card of encouragement and a bracelet. A matching bracelet is given to the volunteer prayer warrior to support the survivor through prayer. IWIN has formed relationships with the Catholic Women's League and police services to facilitate their initiative. Please consider donating any of the items listed above by **Monday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am**. **Pink boxes are located outside the Parish Office, in the basement.** They also accept monetary donations: [Support Us | I'm Worth It Now](#)

**SATG Pastoral Care Ministry** attended a diocesan engagement meeting last week and wants to thank its members for their commitment to this wonderful ministry.

Pastoral care is a ministry of compassionate healing and presence. It is a fundamental aspect of ministry in the Catholic Tradition available to those parishioners who are sick, elderly, dying, home-bound and bereaved.

If you think this might be something the Lord is calling you to, please contact Lilian at [pastoralcare@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@stalbertthegreat.ca)



**Knights of Columbus Chapter Memorial Mass Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM.** Join the Knights of Columbus for their 2025 Calgary Chapter Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm here at St. Albert the Great Parish.

**First Friday Devotion** We have First Friday Holy Hour coming up on **Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**, to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will happen **following the evening Mass, from 7-8pm**. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Prayer Ministry!

There will be a meeting of the **Men of the Cross** on **Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the Saint Albert room. Any men interested in learning more about the Men of the Cross are welcome to attend.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** We send out a **BIG thank you** to the students, parents, teachers and staff at **Prince of Peace School, St. Albert the Great School** and to **Christ the King School** for running a food drive for us a month ago. The support from school food drives makes a significant contribution to our food program. Blessings to each and every person involved!

*Coming Soon: 2025 Christmas Hamper Program*

We accept e transfers at email [svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com)

**"Put your trust in Him and following His example, always act humbly, graciously, and in good faith."**

— [St. Vincent de Paul](#)

**ECYD Youth Ministry registration is NOW OPEN.** For youth in grades 5 to 8. Visit our website for more information & to register: [ECYD Youth Ministry](#) | **ECYD Youth Ministry also invites you** to attend their Youth Adoration night **Wed November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Church for Grades 9 to 12.

# WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, November 2,</b> 10:00 AM: Sunday Social, Main Hall
<b>Monday, November 3,</b> 11:00 AM: Funeral Mass, Church
<b>Tuesday, November 4,</b> 9:30 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
11:00 AM: Funeral & Reception Church, Main Hall
7:00 PM: CWL General Monthly Meeting, St. Albert Room
7:00 PM: Welcome Ministry Training, Church
7:00 PM: K of C Monthly Executive Council Meeting, St. Francis Room
<b>Wednesday, November 5,</b> 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group Meet Up, St. Albert Room, Parish Basement
7:00 PM: RCIA, Main Hall
7:30 PM: Youth Ministry Holy Hour, Church
<b>Thursday, November 6,</b> 11:00 AM: Funeral & Reception Church, Main Hall
1:00 PM: Mass @ The Journey Club, Westman Village
6:30 PM: Knights of Columbus Chapter Memorial Mass & Social, Church & Main Hall
7:00 PM: Faith Studies, St. Francis Room & St. John the Baptist Room (Library)
<b>Friday, November 7,</b> 2:00 PM: Funeral & Reception, Church, Main Hall
7:00 PM: First Friday Holy Hour, Church
<b>Saturday, November 8, In the Narthex after all Sunday Masses - SVdP Silent Collection, Sunday Missal Sales by ECYD Youth Ministry &amp; Knights of Columbus Colouring Contest Kick off</b>
9:30 AM: Faith Study Meetings, St. John Bosco
9:30 AM: St. Albert's Men's Group, St. Johns Hall
10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
3:30 PM: Welcome Ministry Training, Church
5:00 PM: Couples for Christ Prayer Assembly, Parish Basement

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

**HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH!** You are invited to our first ever **Arts & Crafts Fair** hosted by our Arts and Crafts group. Join us starting at **Noon on Saturday Nov 15 until 7pm. And Sunday Nov 16 from 10am until 7pm.** Admission is free. We are excited to announce CWL will be selling Advent wreaths & Candles, Sunday Social will be selling baked goods, our SATG Arts & Crafts group will be selling hand crafted items. Some of our exciting external vendors are Mary's Nook, Hearts on Fire, Perpetua Press, The Art of the Icon and many more! **All vendors will be accepting cash, a select few will be accepting debit/credit & e-transfer.** Come support many local artisans and get a Catholic Gift for that special someone on your Christmas list.

**From Symptoms to Solutions November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM with guest speaker Heather Patel,** Certified Fertility Care Practitioner & Hormone Coach. Do you have symptoms of a hormone imbalance? Painful periods, PMS, Infertility, Brain Fog, Fatigue or Burn out? Join Heather and learn how to track your cycle, balance your hormones, understand what's normal in your cycle and how to spot the signs of an imbalance. **\$5 at the door**

**Festival of Crèches Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> Noon to 7pm and Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm.** Begin the wonderful season of Advent by brining your family to view hundreds of magnificent Nativity Scenes from around the world. Be sure to visit our Nativity Workshop in St. John's Hall where you can be inspired and learn how to build your own family Crèche! \$20/per Family, \$5/single person. Cash, cheque, e-transfer at the door. All proceeds go to the West Plains Foundation.



## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

**NEW UPCOMING GIRLS YOUTH EVENT!!** There is an upcoming retreat **NOV 8** for girls in grades 5-8 to dive deep into their mission as apostles through forming a community with other Catholic girls their age, making memories by laughing and playing together, and having a place to encounter Jesus in beautiful and engaging ways. We will be growing our relationship with Our Lady of Guadalupe, and seeing that we are "Called, Equipped, and Sent" to change the world by making the love of Christ present in our families and communities. This girls retreat will be put on at St. James Parish in Okotoks, and will run from 9am-8pm. For any questions, please contact Lauren Weimer (SATG Youth Coordinator) at (403) 383-3995 **Register here:** <https://www.rccalgary.com/events-1/our-lady-of-guadalupe-girls-retreat>

**NEW** Join Bishop McGrattan for the Mass of Solemn Consecration of **Lauretta Dearing** to the **Order of Consecrated Virgins Living in the World**, a vocation of women who dedicate their lives wholly to Christ through prayer and service. All are welcome. When: **Friday, Nov 21, 2025, at 7 pm, St. Mary's Cathedral**

**NEW** Help make this Christmas special for the moms and babies of **Elizabeth House** by donating items from our Christmas Wishlist. [Print/Download Christmas Wish List](#) | [Print/Download Adopt a Family Wish List](#) **Donation Drop-off Days:** *Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17th Avenue SW, Calgary* on **Dec 2, 3 & 4** – 10 am to 3 pm & **Dec 9 & 10** – 1 pm to 6 pm

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

September 2025 Collections	Budget	Actual	Shortfall/Over
Operations (Monthly)	\$77,144	\$64,969.29	<b>\$(12,174.71)</b>
Donations through Diocese (not regular income)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mortgage (Monthly)	\$18,000	\$12,721.00	<b>\$(5,279.00)</b>
Cooling System to end of September 2025	\$250,000	\$86,929.19	<b>\$(163,070.81)</b>
Together In Action (January - September)	\$78,445	\$77,936.75	<b>\$(508.25)</b>

## PARISH DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

**Financial support from our parishioners, visitors and guests is always appreciated.** Our parish relies on regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By making an offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to our parish.

**\*TAX RECEIPT NOTE:** anyone seeking a tax receipt for their donation must ensure **A)** that you provide your full name, address and email (On the physical envelope, or by forwarding your first e-transfer confirmation email to [donations@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:donations@stalbertthegreat.ca) and providing us your information) or **B)** that you are [registered](#) with the parish.

**Donations** can be made a variety of ways, cash, cheque, e-transfer, tip tap pay and more.

Please visit our website for more details: [Donations - St Albert The Great](#) | <https://stalbertthegreat.ca/donations>

**All Tip Tap Pay donations will continue go towards the parish Cooling system Fundraiser.**

**For the complete list of Diocesan News & Events click:**

[News & Events - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholiccyc.ca\)](#)

[Formed | On-Demand Catholic Movies, Audio Books, Podcasts & More](#)

[Faithfully - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

**Sunday Resources for children**

[Catholic Mom Gospel Coloring Pages](#)

[Sunday Connection \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)

[Children's Liturgy of the Word July & August](#)

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